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BINARY OPERATION/BINARY COMPOSITION: A binary composition or binary operation on a non empty set A is a mapping $f: A \times A \rightarrow A$. Suppose $a, b \in A$, then the image of (a, b) under a binary composition/operation $*$ defined by $a * b$ has to be in A .

ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURE: A non empty set G with one or more binary operations is called an algebraic structure. Suppose $*$ is a binary operation on G . Then $(G, *)$ is an algebraic structures.

$(N, +), (Z, +), (Q, +), (R, +), (N, -), (Z, -), (Q, -), (R, -)$
 $(N, *), (Z, *), (Q, *), (R, *), (N, /), (Z, /), (Q, /), (R, /)$. .

COMPOSITION TABLE : A binary composition (operation) on the non empty finite set A can be defined by table is called a composition table.

Example: The composition table for multiplication modulo 7 on the set $G=\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\}$. (\mathbb{Z}_7, \times_7) is an Algebraic Structure.

\times_7	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	0	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	0	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	0	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	0	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

GROUP

Identity Element: There exist an element $e \in G$ such that

$$a * e = a = e * a, \forall a \in G.$$

The element e is called the identity.

Inverse Element : There exist an element $a^{-1} \in G$ such that

$$a * a^{-1} = e = a^{-1} * a, \forall a \in G$$

GROUP: Let G be a non-empty set with a binary operator denoted by $*$. Then this algebraic structure $(G, *)$ is a group, if the binary $*$ satisfies the following properties:

1. **Closure property:** $a * b \in G \quad \forall a, b \in G$

2. **Associativity:** $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c) \forall a, b, c \in G$

3. **Existence of Identity:** There exist an identity element $e \in G$ such that

$$a * e = a = e * a, \forall a \in G.$$

4. **Existence of Inverse:** Each element of G possesses inverse i.e.,

$$a * a^{-1} = e = a^{-1} * a, \forall a \in G$$

ABELIAN GROUP: A group is said to be abelian or commutative if in addition to the above four properties the following properties is also satisfied i.e.

$$a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in G \text{ (Commutative Property)}$$

FINITE GROUP & INFINITE GROUP: If in a group G the underlying set G consists of a finite number of distinct elements then the group is called a finite group otherwise an infinite group.

EXAMPLES OF GROUP

Example: Show that the set \mathbb{Z} of all integers

$\mathbb{Z} = \{ \dots - 4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \}$ is a group with respect to the operation of addition of integers.

Solution: Closure property: We know that the sum of two integers is also an integer.

i.e., $a + b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus \mathbb{Z} is closed w.r.t to addition.

Associativity: We know that addition of integers is an associative .Therefore

$$a+(b+c)=(a+b)+c, \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Existence of Identity: The number $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Also we have

$$0+a=a=a+0.$$

Therefore 0 is the identity element.

Existence of Inverse: If $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $-a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Also we have

$$(-a) + a = 0 = a + (-a).$$

Thus every integer possesses additive inverse. Therefore \mathbb{Z} is group with respect to addition . Since addition of integer is a commutative operator.

\mathbb{Z} is an abelian group.

Example: Show that the set of all positive rational number forms an abelian group under the composition defined by

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$$

Solution: Let Q_+ denote the set of all positive rational number. To show: $(Q_+, *)$ is a group.

Closure Property: We know that multiplication and division of two rational number is a rational number therefore $\frac{ab}{2}$ is a rational number. Thus for every $a, b \in Q_+ \Rightarrow a*b \in Q_+$. Thus Q_+ is closed with respect to the operator $*$.

Associativity: Let $a, b, c \in Q_+$. Then

$$\text{L.H.S: } a*(b*c) = a * \left(\frac{bc}{2}\right) = \frac{abc}{4}$$

$$\text{R.H.S: } (a*b)*c = \left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) * c = \frac{abc}{4}$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S}$$

$*$ is associative.

Commutativity: Let $a, b \in Q_+$. Then

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{2} = \frac{ba}{2} = b * a$$

Existence of Identity: Let e be the identity element in Q_+ .

By definition of identity element

$$a * e = a = e * a, \forall a \in Q_+$$

Now

$$a * e = a \Rightarrow \frac{ae}{2} = a \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)(e - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow e = 2 \text{ since } a \in Q_+ \Rightarrow a \neq 0$$

$$e * a = a \Rightarrow \frac{ea}{2} = a \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)(e - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow e = 2 \text{ since } a \in Q_+ \Rightarrow a \neq 0$$

Therefore 2 is identity element.

Existence if Inverse: Let a be any element of Q_+ . Let b be inverse of a then by definition of inverse

$$a * b = e = b * a$$

Now
$$a * b = e \Rightarrow \frac{ab}{2} = 2 \Rightarrow b = \frac{4}{a}$$

Now $a \in Q_+ \Rightarrow \frac{4}{a} \in Q_+$

Now $a * \frac{4}{a} = 2 = \frac{4}{a} * a$. Therefore $\frac{4}{a}$ is inverse of a . Thus each element of Q_+ is invertible. Hence $(Q_+, *)$ is a group.

Example: Check whether the set $G = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b, \in Q\}$ is group with respect to addition or not.

Solution: Closure Property: Let x, y be any two elements of G . Then

$$x = a + b\sqrt{2}; y = c + d\sqrt{2}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= a + b\sqrt{2} + c + d\sqrt{2} \\ &= (a + c) + (c + d)\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Since $a+c$ and $c+d$ are elements of Q , therefore $(a + c) + (c + d)\sqrt{2} \in G$.

Thus $x + y \in G, \forall x, y \in G$

Thus G is closed with respect to addition.

Associativity: The element of G are all real numbers and addition of real numbers is associative. Hence associativity holds true.

Existence of Identity: Observe that $0 + 0\sqrt{2} \in G$ since $0 \in Q$. If $a + b\sqrt{2}$ is any element of G , then

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (0 + 0\sqrt{2}) = a + b\sqrt{2} = 0 + 0\sqrt{2} + (a + b\sqrt{2})$$

$0 + 0\sqrt{2}$ is the identity element.

Existence of Inverse: Since $a, b, \in Q \Rightarrow -a, -b, \in Q$ and hence

$$a + b\sqrt{2} \in G \Rightarrow (-a) + (-b)\sqrt{2} \in G$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } (a + b\sqrt{2}) + ((-a) + (-b)\sqrt{2}) &= 0 + 0\sqrt{2} \\ &= (-a) + (-b)\sqrt{2} + (a + b\sqrt{2})\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(-a) + (-b)\sqrt{2}$ is the inverse element.

Thus, the set $G = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b, \in Q\}$ is a group with respect to addition.

Example: Show that the set of all matrices of the form $\begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix}$, where x is a non zero real number, is a group of singular matrices for multiplication. Find the identity and inverse of an element.

Solution: Let $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} : x \text{ is a non zero real number} \right\}$.

Closure Property: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \in M, B = \begin{bmatrix} y & y \\ y & y \end{bmatrix} \in M$, where x and y are non zero real numbers.

Now $AB = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y & y \\ y & y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2xy & 2xy \\ 2xy & 2xy \end{bmatrix} \in M$, because "2xy" is also a non zero real number.

Associativity: Matrix Multiplication is always associative. (i. e. $(AB)C = A(BC)$)

- **Existence of identity:** Let $E = \begin{bmatrix} e & e \\ e & e \end{bmatrix}$ be such that $E \cdot A = A, \forall A \in M$.
- Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \in M$. Then
- $E \cdot A = A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} e & e \\ e & e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2ex & 2ex \\ 2ex & 2ex \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2ex = x \Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{2},$
- since $x \neq 0$.

Thus $E = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \in M$ as $\frac{1}{2} \neq 0$ and is such that $E \cdot A = A = A \cdot E, \forall A \in M$.

Existence of inverse: If $C = \begin{bmatrix} c & c \\ c & c \end{bmatrix}$ be the inverse then $C \cdot A = E, \forall A \in M$.

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \in M$.

$$\therefore CA = E \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c & c \\ c & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2cx & 2cx \\ 2cx & 2cx \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2cx = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{4x}$$

Thus $C = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4x} & \frac{1}{4x} \\ \frac{1}{4x} & \frac{1}{4x} \end{bmatrix} \in M$ as $x \neq 0$ such that $C \cdot A = E = A \cdot C, \forall A \in M$.

Thus $C = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4x} & \frac{1}{4x} \\ \frac{1}{4x} & \frac{1}{4x} \end{bmatrix} \in M$ is the inverse of A.

Hence M is a group w.r.t. matrix multiplication.

Example: Check whether the set S of all ordered pairs (a,b) of real numbers for which $a \neq 0$ with respect to the operation $*$ defined by $(a,b) * (c,d) = (ac, bc + d)$ is a group w.r.t $*$ or not.

Solution: Closure Property: Let (a,b) and (c,d) be any two element of S . Then $a \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0$.

Now $(a,b) * (c,d) = (ac, bc + d) \in S$ (because $a \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0 \Rightarrow ac \neq 0$)

Hence S is closed with respect to the given composition(binary operation)

Associativity: Let $(a,b), (c,d), (e,f)$ be any three element of S .

L.H.S. $[(a,b) * (c,d)] * (e,f)$

$= (ac, bc + d) * (e,f) = (ace, (bc + d)e + f) = (ace, bce + de + f)$

R.H.S. $(a,b) * [(c,d) * (e,f)]$

$= (a,b) * (ce, de + f)$

$= (ace, b(ce) + de + f) = (ace, bce + de + f)$

Hence the given composition $*$ is associative.

Existence of Identity: Let (x, y) be identity element of S such that

$$(x, y) * (a, b) = (a, b) = (a, b) * (x, y) \Rightarrow (xa, ya + b) = (a, b)$$
$$\Rightarrow xa = a; ya + b = b$$

We get $x = 1$ and $y = 0$.

Therefore $(1, 0)$ is the identity element.

Existence of inverse: Let $(c, d) \in S, c \neq 0$ be inverse of $(a, b) \in S$.

Now

$$(a, b) * (c, d) = (1, 0) = (c, d) * (a, b)$$
$$\Rightarrow (ac, bc + d) = (1, 0)$$
$$\Rightarrow ac = 1, bc + d = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{a} \neq 0; d = -\frac{b}{a}$$

Hence $\left(\frac{1}{a}, -\frac{b}{a}\right)$ is an inverse of element (a, b) .

Hence the set S of all ordered pairs (a, b) of real numbers for which $a \neq 0$ with respect to the operation $*$ defined by $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$ is a group

- **GROUPOID**: Suppose G is non empty set and $*$ is a binary operation then $(G,*)$ is called a groupoid if $*$ is closed in G , that is, given any two elements

$$a, b \in G \Rightarrow a * b \in G$$

- **SEMI GROUP**: A non empty set G together with binary operation $*$, $(G,*)$ is a semi group if binary operation $*$ is associative.
- **MONOID**: A non empty set G together with a binary operation $*$, $(G,*)$ is called a monoid if it satisfies the following properties:
 - (1) $*$ is closed in $(G,*)$
 - (2) $*$ is associative in $(G,*)$
 - (3) There exist an identity element in $(G,*)$

Example: The set of all integers \mathbb{Z} with operation defined by $a * b = a + b + 1$.

(1) Is \mathbb{Z} Groupoid?

(2) Is \mathbb{Z} a Semi Group?

(3) Is \mathbb{Z} a monoid?

Solution:

Groupoid: To prove G is groupoid , prove that G is closed w.r.t $*$,
let

$a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a + b + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ (sum of integers is always integer). Hence $a * b \in G$.

Therefore G is closed w.r.t to operation $*$.

G is a groupoid.

Semi Group: To prove G is Semigroup, prove that $*$ is associative i.e., to prove $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$.

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{L.H.S: } (a * b) * c = (a + b + 1) * c = a + b + 1 + c + 1 = a + b + c + 2$$

$$\text{R.H.S: } a * (b * c) = a * (b + c + 1) = a + 1 + b + c + 1 = a + b + c + 2$$

Therefore $*$ is associative.

Monoid: To prove G is monoid, G must satisfy closure property, Associative property, identity property.

Closure property: Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a + b + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

(Sum of integers is always an integer)

So $a * b \in G$.

Therefore G is closed w.r.t. to operation $*$.

Associative property:

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{L.H.S: } (a * b) * c = (a + b + 1) * c = a + b + 1 + c + 1 = a + b + c + 2$$

$$\text{R.H.S: } a * (b * c) = a * (b + c + 1) = a + 1 + b + c + 1 = a + b + c + 2$$

Therefore $*$ is associative.

Existence of Identity: Let $e \in G$ be the identity element of G .

$$a * e = e * a = a, \forall a \in G.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} a * e &= a \\ \Rightarrow a + e + 1 &= a \\ \Rightarrow e &= -1 \in G \end{aligned}$$

Therefore -1 is the identity element. Also

$$\begin{aligned} e * a &= a \\ \Rightarrow e + a + 1 &= a \\ \Rightarrow e &= -1 \in G \end{aligned}$$

ORDER OF GROUP AND ORDER OF ELEMENT

Order of a group: The order of the group is defined as the number of element in the group. It is denoted by $o(G)$.

Order of an element: Let G be a group with binary operation $*$. By the order of an element $a \in G$ is meant the least positive integer n , if one exists, such that $a^n = e$ (the identity of G). It is denoted by $o(a)$.

Remarks: (i) If there does not exist any positive integer n such that $a^n = e$, then we say that a is of infinite order.

(ii) The order of the identity element is always 1.

Example : Find the order of each element of the multiplicative group $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$.

Solution: Since 1 is the identity element therefore $o(1) = 1$.

-1	$(-1)^1 = -1$
	$(-1)^2 = 1$ (i.e., identity element) $\therefore o(-1) = 2$
i	$(i)^1 = i$
	$(i)^2 = -1$ (i.e., identity element)
	$(i)^3 = -i$
	$(i)^4 = 1$ (i.e., identity element) $\therefore o(i) = 4$
-i	$(-i)^1 = -i$
	$(-i)^2 = -1$ (i.e., identity element)
	$(-i)^3 = i$
	$(-i)^4 = 1$ (i.e., identity element) $\therefore o(-i) = 4$

Example : Find the order of each element of the group $\{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$, the composition being addition modulo 6.
Solution: Since 0 is the identity element therefore $o(0) = 1$.

1	$(1)^1=1$
	$(1)^2= 1+_61=2$
	$(1)^3= 1+_61+_61=3$
	$(1)^4= 1+_61+_61+_61=4$
	$(1)^5= 1+_61+_61+_61+_61=5$
	$(1)^6= 1+_61+_61+_61+_61+_61=0$ (i.e., identity element) $\therefore o(1) = 6$
2	$(2)^1=2$
	$(2)^2=2+_62= 4$
	$(2)^3=2+_62+_62 =2 \ 0$ (i.e., identity element) $\therefore o(2) = 3$

3	$(3)^1=3$
	$(3)^2= 3+_63=0$ (i.e., identity element) $\therefore o(3) = 2$
4	$(4)^1=4$
	$(4)^2=4+_64= 8$
	$(4)^3=4+_64+_64= 0$ (i.e., identity element) $\therefore o(4) = 3$
5	$(5)^1=1$
	$(5)^2= 5+_65=4$
	$(5)^3= 5+_65+_65=3$
	$(5)^4= 5+_65+_65+_65=2$
	$(5)^5= 5+_65+_65+_65+_65=1$
	$(5)^6= 5+_65+_65+_65+_65+_65=0$ (i.e., identity element) $\therefore o(5) = 6$

Example: Is multiplicative modulo 6 a group $(U_6 = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}, *_6)$? If not, how to make it a group? Find the order of the all elements.

Solution:

$*_6$	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
[0]	0	0	0	0	0	0
[1]	0	1	2	3	4	5
[2]	0	2	4	0	2	4
[3]	0	3	0	3	0	3
[4]	0	4	2	0	4	2
[5]	0	5	4	3	2	1

Closure property: Since all the elements of the table lie in the set $U_6 = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$, we can say that closure property is satisfied.

Associativity property: For all the elements in the table, it can be verified that $[a] *_6 ([b] *_6 [c]) = ([a] *_6 [b]) *_6 [c]$, for all $[a], [b], [c] \in U_6$ (H.W.)

Existence of Identity: From the table, it can be observed that 1 will be the identity element as $[a] *_6 [1] = [a]$, for all $[a] \in U_6$.

Existence of inverse: For $[0], [2], [3], [4]$ we don't get any of the element from U_6 so that $[a] *_6 [a^{-1}] = e = [1]$, for $[a] = [0], [2], [3], [4]$ is satisfied. Hence, inverse element does not exist for $[0], [2], [3], [4]$.

Therefore, this property is not satisfied and hence we can say that this U_6 is not a group.

Observe that if we remove $[0], [2], [3], [4]$ from U_6 then $S = \{[1], [5]\}$ will turn out to be a group (H.W.) and in this case, the order of the group $o(S) = 2$ and $o(1) = 1$ and $o(5) = 2$

Examples: 1. In the infinite multiplicative group of non zero rational numbers. Find the order of each element.

2. Example : Find the order of each element in the additive group of integers.

Solution 1: Since “ 1 ” is the identity element therefore $o(1)=1$.

$(-1)^1=-1$; $(-1)^2=1$ (identity element) therefore $o(-1)=2$

Now $(2)^1=2$; $(2)^2=4$; $(2)^3=8$; $(2)^4=16$ and so on.

Thus there exists no positive integer n such that $2^n=1$ (identity element). Therefore $o(2)=\infty$. Similarly order of the remaining element is infinite.

Solution 2: Since “ 0 ” is the identity element therefore $o(0)=1$.

Now $(1)^1=1$; $(1)^2=1+1=2$; $(1)^3=1+1+1=3$; $(1)^4=1+1+1+1=4$ and so on.

Thus there exists no positive integer n such that $1^n=0$ (identity element). Therefore $o(1)=\infty$.

Similarly order of the remaining element is infinite.



Remarks:

- (1) The order of every element of a finite group is finite and is less than or equal to the order of the group.
- (2) The order of an element of a group is same as that of its inverse a^{-1} .
- (3) In an infinite group element may be of finite as well as of infinite order.

SUBGROUP

SUBGROUP: A non empty subset H of a group G is called a subgroup of G if H itself is a group under the same binary operation as of G .

Remark: For any group G , $H=\{e\}$ and $H=G$ are always a subgroup of G .
(Improper subgroups)

Examples : $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ of $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$, $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ of $(\mathbb{R}, +)$, $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ of $(\mathbb{C}, +)$, $(\mathbb{Q}_+, +)$ of $(\mathbb{R}_+, +)$,

- (1) The multiplicative group $\{1, -1\}$ is a subgroup of the multiplicative group $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$.
- (2) The additive group of even integers is a subgroup of the additive group of all integers. (i.e. $(2\mathbb{Z}, +)$ of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$)
- (3) The multiplicative group of positive rational numbers is a subgroup of the multiplicative of all non zero rational numbers.

Remarks:

- (1) Every set is a subset of itself. Therefore if G is a group, then G itself is a group of G . Also if e is the identity of G , then the subset of G containing only one element i.e., e is also a subgroup of G . These two are subgroups of any group. They are called trivial or improper subgroups. A subgroup other than these two is called a proper subgroup.
- (2) The identity of a subgroup is the same as that of the group.
- (3) The inverse of any element of a subgroup is the same as the inverse of the same element regarded as an element of the group.
- (4) The order of any element of a subgroup is the same as the order of the element regarded as a member of the group.

CRITERION FOR A NON EMPTY SET TO BE A SUBGROUP

Theorem 1: A non empty subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G if and only if

$$(1) a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$$

$$(2) a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$$

Theorem 2: A necessary and sufficient condition for a non empty subset H of a group to be a subgroup is that $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$, where b^{-1} is the inverse of b in G .

INTERSECTION OF SUBGROUP

Theorem: If H_1 and H_2 are two subgroup of a group G , then $H_1 \cap H_2$ is also a subgroup of G .

Proof: Since H_1 and H_2 are two subgroup of a group G , then $H_1 \cap H_2 \neq \emptyset$, since at least the identity e is common to both H_1 and H_2 .

In order to prove that $H_1 \cap H_2$ is a subgroup of G it is sufficient to prove that

$$a \in H_1 \cap H_2; b \in H_1 \cap H_2 \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$$

$$\text{Now, } a \in H_1 \cap H_2 \Rightarrow a \in H_1 \text{ and } a \in H_2$$

$$b \in H_1 \cap H_2 \Rightarrow b \in H_1 \text{ and } b \in H_2$$

But H_1 and H_2 subgroups. Therefore

$$a \in H_1; b \in H_1 \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H_1$$

$$a \in H_2; b \in H_2 \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H_2$$

Finally,

$$ab^{-1} \in H_1; ab^{-1} \in H_2 \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$$

Thus,

$$a \in H_1 \cap H_2; b \in H_1 \cap H_2 \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$$

Hence, $H_1 \cap H_2$ is a subgroup of G .

Remark: The union of two subgroups is not necessarily a subgroup.

For example, Let G be the additive group of integers.

Then $H_1 = \{\dots\dots\dots -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots\dots\dots\}$,

$H_2 = \{\dots\dots\dots -12, -9, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\dots\dots\}$ are two subgroups of G .

Also $H_1 \cup H_2 = \{\dots\dots\dots -12, -10, -9, -6, -4, -3, -2, 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, \dots\dots\dots\}$

Obviously $H_1 \cup H_2$ is not closed with respect to addition as

$2 \in H_1 \cup H_2; 3 \in H_1 \cup H_2 \Rightarrow 2 + 3 \notin H_1 \cup H_2$.

Therefore $H_1 \cup H_2$ is not a subgroup with respect to addition.

Example: Let G be the additive group of integers. Then prove that the set of all multiples of integers by a fixed integer m is a subgroup of G .

Solution: $G = \{\dots\dots\dots -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\dots\dots\}$ is the additive group of integer.

Let m be any fixed integer.

Let $H = \{\dots\dots\dots -3m, -2m, -1m, 0, 1m, 2m, 3m, \dots\dots\dots\}$

Then $H \subseteq G$.

To prove that H is subgroup, we prove $a \in H; b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} = a - b \in H$

Let $a = km$ and $b = nm$, for some $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ be any two element of H .

Then inverse of nm in G is $(-n)m$ i.e., $-b = -nm$.

Now,

$$ab^{-1} = a - b = km + (-n)m = (k - n)m \in H,$$

since $k - n$ is also an integer.

Thus $a \in H; b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} = a - b \in H$.

Therefore H is subgroup of G .

Example: Let G be a set of all ordered pairs (a,b) of real numbers for which $a \neq 0$. Let a binary operation \times defined by

$(a, b) \times (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$. Show that (G, \times) is non abelian group.

Does the subset H of all those elements of G which are of the form $(1,b)$ form a subgroup of G ?

Solution: Closure Property: Let (a, b) and (c, d) be any two element of S . Then $a \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0$.

Now $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d) \in S$ (because $a \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0 \Rightarrow ac \neq 0$)
Hence S is closed with respect to the given composition(binary operation)

Associativity: Let $(a, b), (c, d), (e, f)$ be any three element of S .

L.H.S. $[(a, b) * (c, d)] * (e, f)$

$$=(ac, bc + d) * (e, f) = (ace, (bc + d)e + f) = (ace, bce + de + f)$$

R.H.S. $(a, b) * [(c, d) * (e, f)]$

$$=(a, b) * (ce, de + f)$$

$$=(ace, b(ce) + de + f) = (ace, bce + de + f)$$

Hence the given composition $*$ is associative.

Existence of Identity: Let (x, y) be identity element of S such that

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y) * (a, b) &= (a, b) = (a, b) * (x, y) \Rightarrow (xa, ya + b) = (a, b) \\ &\Rightarrow xa = a; ya + b = b\end{aligned}$$

We get $x = 1$ and $y = 0$.

Therefore $(1, 0)$ is the identity element.

Existence of inverse: Let $(c, d) \in S, c \neq 0$ be inverse of $(a, b) \in S$.

Now

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b) * (c, d) &= (1, 0) = (c, d) * (a, b) \\ \Rightarrow (ac, bc + d) &= (1, 0) \\ \Rightarrow ac &= 1, bc + d = 0 \\ \Rightarrow c &= \frac{1}{a} \neq 0; d = -\frac{b}{a}\end{aligned}$$

Hence $(\frac{1}{a}, -\frac{b}{a})$ is an inverse of element (a, b) .

Hence the set S of all ordered pairs (a, b) of real numbers for which $a \neq 0$ with respect to the operation $*$ defined by $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$ is a group.

To Prove H is a subgroup of G or not.

Observe that $H = \{(1, b) / b \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Obviously H is a non empty subset of $G ((1, 1) \in H)$.

Let $(1, b)$ and $(1, c)$ be any two elements of H then $b, c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$(1, b) \times (1, c)^{-1} = (1, b) \times (\frac{1}{1}, -\frac{c}{1}) = (1, b) \times (1, -c) = (1, b - c)$ (By definition of operation of G)

$(1, b - c)$ is definitely an element of H as $b - c \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus

$$(1, b), (1, c) \in H \Rightarrow (1, b) \times (1, c)^{-1} \in H$$

Hence, H is subgroup of G .

Example: Let H be the multiplicative group of all positive real numbers and R the additive group of all real numbers. Is H a subgroup of R ?

Solution: The set H of all positive real numbers is a subset of the set of R of all real numbers. But the group G is not a subgroup of the group R . The reason is that the composition/ binary operation in G is different from the composition/ binary operation in R .

LAGRANGE'S THEOREM:

If H is a subgroup of finite group G , then

$$o(H)/o(G).$$

In other words, “The order of each subgroup of a finite group is a divisor of the order of the group.”

Note: Lagrange's theorem has very important applications. Suppose G is a finite group of order n . If m is not a divisor of n , then there can be no subgroup of order m . Thus if G is a group of order 6, then there can be no group of order 5 or 4. Similarly if G is a group of prime order p then G can have no proper subgroup.

CYCLIC GROUP

CYCLIC GROUP: A group G is called cyclic group if for some $a \in G$, every element of G is of the form a^n , for some integer n . The element a is then called a generator of G and we write $G = \langle a \rangle$

Example: The multiplicative group $=\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is cyclic .

We can write $G = \{ i, i^2, i^3, i^4 \}$.

Thus G is a cyclic group and i is a generator.

Also we can write $G = \{ -i, (-i)^2, (-i)^3, (-i)^4 \}$.

Thus $-i$ is also the generator of G .

Example: The multiplicative group $\{1, w, w^2\}$ is cyclic. The generators are w, w^2 .

Example: The group $A = (\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, +_6)$ is cyclic. This group is generated by 1 and another generator is 5.

Remarks:

- ❖ Every cyclic group is an abelian.
- ❖ If a is a generator of a cyclic group G , then a^{-1} is also generator of G .
- ❖ If “ a ” is a generator of an infinite cyclic group G , then the order of a must be infinite. If the order of a is finite, then cyclic group generated by “ a ” is of finite order. Therefore the order of the cyclic group is equal to order of its generating element.
- ❖ If G is a cyclic group of order n then total number of generators of G will be equal to number of integer less than n and prime to n . i. e. $\varphi(n)$
For example, if a is generator of a cyclic group G of order 8, then a^3, a^5, a^7 will be the only generators of G . Since 4 is not prime to 8 therefore a^4 cannot be generator of G . Similarly a^2, a^6, a^8 cannot be generators of G .
- ❖ If a finite group of order n contains an element of order n , then group must be cyclic.

Example: Show that the group $(\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}, x_7)$ is cyclic. How many generators are there?

Solution: Let $G=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$. If there exists an element $a \in G$ such that $o(a)=6$ i.e., the order of the group G then the group G will be cyclic group and a will be generator of G .

3	$(3)^1=3$
	$(3)^2= 3X_73=2$
	$(3)^3= 3X_73X_73=3$
	$(3)^4= 3X_73x_73x_73=4$
	$(3)^5= 3X_73X_73X_73x_73=5$
	$(3)^6= 3X_73x_73X_73X_73X_73=1(\text{i.e., identity element})$ $\therefore o(3) = 6$

Since $o(3)=6=$ order of the group therefore G is a cyclic group and 3 is a generator of G .

Now If a is a generator of a cyclic group G , then a^{-1} is also generator of G . Therefore 5 is also generator of the group.

PERMUTATION GROUP

Definition: Suppose S is a finite set having n distinct elements. Then a one-one mapping of S onto itself is called a permutation of degree n .

The number of elements in the finite set S is known as the degree of permutation.

Total number of distinct permutations of degree n is $n!$

Equality of two permutation: Two permutation f and g of degree n said to be equal if we have $f(a) = g(a), \forall a \in S$.

Product or Composition of two Permutations: The product or composition of two permutations f and g of degree n is denoted by $f \circ g$, is obtained by first carrying out the operation defined by g and then by f . Similarly, $g \circ f$.

Example: Let $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ be two permutations of degree 3.
Then

$$gof = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 2)$$

and

$$fog = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 3)$$

Obviously $fog \neq gof$.

Example: Show the set S_3 of all permutations on three symbols 1,2,3 is a finite non abelian group of order 6 with respect to permutation multiplication as composition.

Solution: $S_3 = \{ I, (2\ 3\ 1), (3\ 1\ 2), (1\ 2), (1\ 3), (2\ 3) \}$

Let $f_1 = I$, $f_2 = (2\ 3\ 1)$, $f_3 = (3\ 1\ 2)$, $f_4 = (2\ 3)$, $f_5 = (1\ 3)$, $f_6 = (1\ 2)$

Composition	f_1	f_2	f_3	f_4	f_5	f_6
f_1	f_1	f_2	f_3	f_4	f_5	f_6
f_2	f_2	f_3	f_1	f_6	f_4	f_5
f_3	f_3	f_1	f_2	f_5	f_6	f_4
f_4	f_4	f_5	f_6	f_1	f_2	f_3
f_5	f_5	f_6	f_4	f_3	f_1	f_2
f_6	f_6	f_4	f_5	f_2	f_3	f_1

Closure Property: Since all the entries in the table are element of S_3 , therefore S_3 is closed with respect to multiplication of permutation.

Associative Property: Composition of permutation is always associative.

Existence of Identity : From the table, f_1 is the identity element.

Existence of Inverse:

$$\begin{aligned}(f_1)^{-1} &= f_1; & (f_2)^{-1} &= f_3; & (f_3)^{-1} &= f_2; \\ (f_4)^{-1} &= f_4; & (f_5)^{-1} &= f_5; & (f_6)^{-1} &= f_6\end{aligned}$$

Thus inverse of each element exist.

Since S_3 satisfies all the condition therefore S_3 is a group with respect to permutation multiplication/composition.